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 OPTICAL STATE MODULATION APPARATUS  
 Examiner : Yenke, Brian P.  
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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☐ This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

Claims as Amended

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	23	Minus	** = 23	* 0 x	\$50 (25)	= \$ 0
Independent claims	15	Minus	*** = 15	* 0 x	\$200 (100)	= \$ 0
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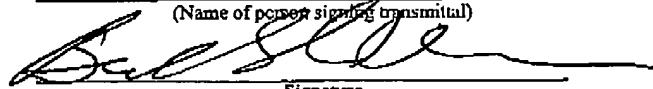
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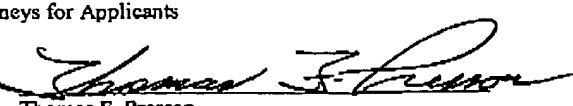
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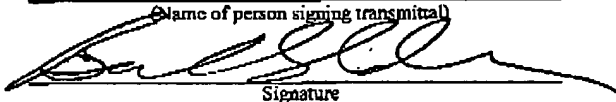
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 7, 2006, having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on June 7, 2006, please consider the following remarks.

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**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.**